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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

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Statue in Soldiers and
Sailors Home, Boise, Idaho.

To Louis A. Warren, Fort Wayne.

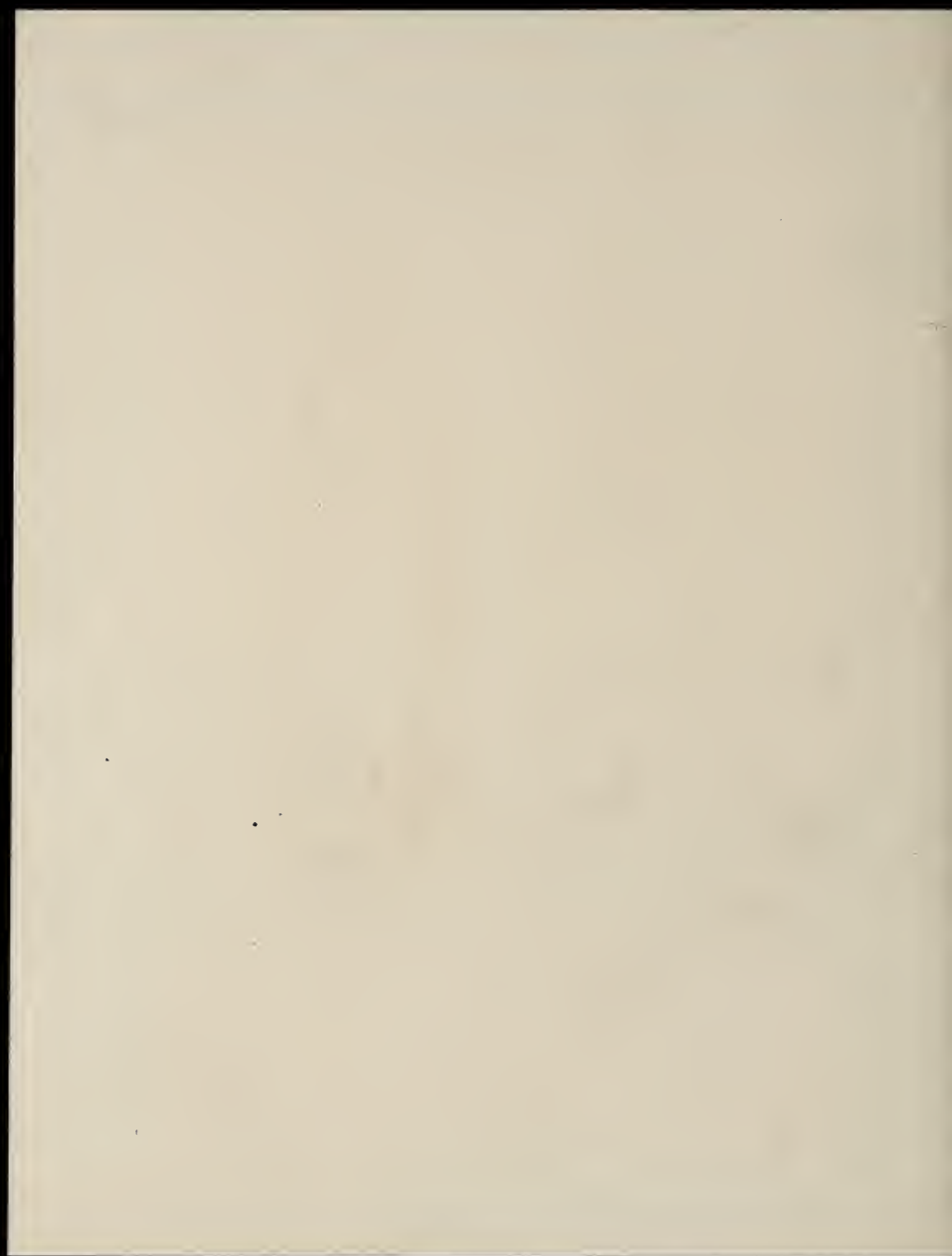
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LINCOLN MONUMENT



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Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

The following information regarding the Lincoln monument at the Idaho Soldiers' Home is sent to you in compliance with your letter. A photograph of the monument is enclosed.

This monument was erected by the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the statue was purchased by the State of Idaho out of the money appropriated for permanent improvements. The monument was presented to the State of Idaho, February 12, 1915, with elaborate ceremony. The statue was purchased from the Vulcan Company of Detroit, Michigan, and manufactured by the Mullins Company of Salem, Ohio. At this time this was the only monument to Lincoln between Lincoln, Nebraska, and California.

The statue stands directly in front of Lincoln Hall, at the Idaho Soldiers' Home, in Boise, Idaho. A Lincoln oak is planted near the monument. The statue proper stands 6 feet 4 inches, and is of bronze. The pose is an easy one as though the man were about to speak. The face and head are especially good and the whole figure is pleasing. It stands on a pedestal of white sandstone 17 feet high. On one side of this on a bronze tablet is Lincoln's Gettysburg address. On another side, carved into the stone, is the famous extract from the Second Inaugral Address:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Sincerely,

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